

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES[PRIVATE]

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

SUPPORT FOR NAS TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD CORE

PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT

National Academy of Sciences (NAS)

I. TITLE: NAS Transportation Research Board Core Support

EAS Short Title: NAS TRB Core Support

II. Task Order Contracting Officer Representative(s):

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III. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:. One year from award date + one-year option

IV. PURPOSE OF TASK ORDER

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is a program unit of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). It is also one of six major divisions of the National Research Council (NRC), which serves as an independent adviser to the federal government and other stakeholders on scientific and technical questions of national importance, and which is jointly administered by the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine.

TRB provides leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. TRB is supported by state transportation departments, federal agencies, and other organizations and individuals interested in the development of transportation.

The purpose of this task order is to provide support to the TRB at the "Core" level and to receive from TRB the commensurate benefits of such support. "Core" level support is financial support that federal, state and local government agencies provide to TRB in order to support its core technical activities. This includes transportation research, education, and the development of solutions to problems and issues facing transportation professionals.

V. BACKGROUND

In support of its regulatory mandates, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has active research at the nexus of transportation and the environment including issues of air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, alternative transportation fuels, smart growth, and energy security.

A resource to the nation and to the transportation community worldwide, TRB provides an extensive portfolio of services that also greatly benefit the work of the EPA. The EPA has benefited greatly over the past decade through its continued support of TRB as it furthers its research efforts.

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

TRB shall provide the EPA with all the benefits commensurate with “Core” level program support. These specific benefits are defined in the below description of tasks and shall be available immediately to the EPA when “Core” level support begins. EPA will provide TRB with two (2) calendar years of “Core” level support from the date of issuance of this Task Order. (base + 1 optional year)

VII. DESCRIPTION OF TASKS

Task 1.1: TRB shall provide unlimited registrations to the TRB Annual Meeting for all EPA employees

Task 1.2: If requested by the Task Order Contracting Officer Representative (TOCOR), TRB shall provide EPA with meeting facilities and an exhibit booth at the Annual Meeting (based on availability).

Task 1.3: TRB shall provide the EPA with representation on the TRB Executive Committee

Task 1.4: Delivery of all TRB publications (up to 200 per year). TRB shall maintain and update a mailing list for distribution of publications to EPA staff as designated by the TOCOR.

Task 1.5: Full online access to all the Transportation Research Records: “Journal of the Transportation Research Board” papers published since 1999. The Record Series consists of the papers from the Annual Meeting that are chosen for publication.

Task 1.6: TRB sponsors or co-sponsors about 50 specialty conferences or workshops per year on a wide range of subjects. EPA employees shall be eligible for discounted registration fees for many of these conferences.

Task 1.7: EPA employees shall have free access to all collected TRB Annual Meeting PowerPoint presentations, posters, and paper abstracts via the online interactive program.

Task 1.8: TRB shall schedule visits with EPA and establish liaison representatives as appropriate. A summary of the results of these visits is printed annually in the TRNews - which is distributed to more than 10,000 subscribers.

Task 1.9: All EPA employees shall have access to TRB's Library and to TRID. [[HYPERLINK "http://trid.trb.org/"](http://trid.trb.org/) \o "TRID homepage"] is an integrated database that combines the records from TRB's Transportation Research Information Services (TRIS) Database and the OECD's Joint Transport Research Centre's International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD) Database. TRID provides access to over 1.2 million records of transportation research worldwide – with close to 300,000 records linked to full-text documents. TRID is also indexed with a standardized vocabulary from the Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT). The Research in Progress (RiP) records in TRID are available as a separate searchable database through TRB. RiP has expanded to include international research projects and university research.

Task 1. Deliverables

Task	Deliverable	Schedule
1.1	Unlimited registrations to the TRB Annual Meeting for all EPA employees.	All deliverables will be immediately available upon Task Order issuance and for the duration of the Task Order
1.2	Meeting facilities and an exhibit booth at the Annual Meeting (based on availability).	
1.3	Representation on the TRB Executive Committee.	
1.4	Delivery of all TRB hard copy publications (up to 100 per calendar year).	
1.5	Full online access to all the Transportation Research Records: Journal of the Transportation Research Board papers published since 1999.	
1.6	Discounted registration fees for standing technical committee conference and workshops.	
1.7	Free access to all collected Annual Meeting PowerPoint presentations, posters, and paper abstracts via the online interactive program.	
1.8	Visit with EPA and establish liaison representatives as appropriate.	
1.9	Full access to TRB's Library and to TRID.	

VIII. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The Contractor shall prepare high quality products and that are reproducible and transparent. Figures submitted shall be of high quality similar to presentations developed for national scientific forums and should be formatted as jpeg or TIFF files. Deliverables shall be edited for grammar, spelling, and logic flow. The technical information shall be reasonable complete and presented in a logical, readable manner. Text deliverables shall be provided in the current version of Microsoft Word or compatible format.

Financial Reporting and Billing

NAS will use its usual cost reimbursable cost accounting system to allocate actual labor costs and associated overhead and G&A costs to this award (as set out in its approved rate agreement) subject to a limitation on the maximum amount payable under the award. NAS understands that any additional costs under the award would require approval by the agency.

Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

Section 15 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., Section 15, does not apply to the activities described in this proposal. Section 15 of FACA restricts agency use of any advice or recommendations provided by the Academy that were developed by use of an Academy committee under an agreement with a Federal agency unless certain requirements are met. Those requirements do not apply to the work described in this proposal because the work does not involve either the use of an Academy committee or the provision of any advice or recommendations to a Federal agency.

Public Information About the Project

In order to afford the public greater knowledge of Academy activities and an opportunity to provide comments on those activities, the Academy may post on its website ([HYPERLINK "http://www.nationalacademies.org"]) the following information as appropriate under its procedures: (1) notices of meetings open to the public; (2) brief descriptions of projects; (3) committee appointments, if any (including biographies of committee members); (4) report information; and (5) any other pertinent information.

Estimate of Costs

It is estimated that accomplishment of the proposed services described is \$77,390 for the base year, \$79,325 for the first option year.